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SUBJECT: FMG REQUISITION OF EMBASSY ANNEX

REF: LAGOS 5733

1. THE GUIDANCE YOU ARE SEEKING IS PROVIDED SERIATIM AS
FOLLOWS:

(A) JUNE 24 MEETING WITH OBASANJO MAYBE HELD IN HIS OFFICE
BUT MEA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BE PRESENT.

(B) RETENTION OF CONSULAR SECTION IN MOLONEY BUILDING WAS
SUGGESTED AS A BARGAINING POINT. THE SAME IS TRUE OF THE
OTHER SUGGESTIONS OFFERED IN STATE 142398. HOWEVER, THE
FEELING HERE IS THAT THE NIGERIANS LIKELY TO BE MORE AGREE-
ABLE TO MAINTAINING CONSULAR SECTION WHERE IT IS BECAUSE IT
SERVES NIGERIANS.

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(C) WE DEFER TO YOUR BEST JUDGMENT ON THE QUESTION OF
ADEQUATE COMPENSATION FOR ADVANCE RENT ON MOLONEY. BUT
HOPE RENTAL PAID FOR 33,750 SQ. FT. MOLONEY ANNEX WOULD
STILL MEAN HEALTHY BALANCE WHEN PRORATED FOR EXCHANGED

13,200 SQ. FT. OF OKOTIE-EBON SITE.

(D) NOTE TO MEA SHOULD INCLUDE CALL FOR PRORATED COMPENSATION FOR 1973 USIS RENOVATION COSTS, BUT THIS IS ALSO A BARGAINING POSITION WHICH CAN BE MODIFIED AT POST'S DISCRETION. IN ANY EVENT, ADVISE USIA BEFORE MAKING MAJOR CONCESSIONS.

(E) USE OF AID/STL APARTMENT AS AID OFFICES IS AN IMAGINATIVE ALTERNATIVE. SUGGEST YOU USE AS BARGAINING PLOY.

(F) PIPER PROPOSAL RE FMG GIVING VACANT LOT NEXT TO NEW CHANCERY SITE MAY BE PURSUED BUT IN LOW KEY SO AS NOT TO PROVIDE AN OUT FOR FMG RE OTHER RENOVATION AND MOVE COSTS.

2. YOUR NOTE TO MEA SHOULD CONVEY THE DEPARTMENT'S OPINION THAT THE MOVE IS UNDESIRABLE BUT ACCEPTABLE IN THE CONTEXT OF TWO REASONABLE PARTIES ATTEMPTING TO SOLVE DIFFICULT PROBLEM. YOU MAY STATE THAT WASHINGTON COMMENT ON PROPOSED SPLITTING OF USIS' OPERATION AND FURTHER FRACTURING OF ADMIN FUNCTIONS IS QUOTE UNDESIRABLE END QUOTE.

3. THE WASHINGTON VIEW IS THAT YOU SHOULD HOLD TO BARGAINING POSITIONS SET FORTH IN STATE 142398 TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE BUT NOT RPT NOT AT THE RISK OF SERIOUS DAMAGE TO OUR RELATIONS WITH THE FMG AND/OR ENDANGERING ACCESS TO NIGERIAN RESOURCES, PARTICULARLY PETROLEUM. KISSINGER

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